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## YANKS RETURN FROM THE WAR IN FINE FETTER

SOLDIERS OF 1898 LOST AVERAGE OF 22 POUNDS, BUT BOYS NOW GAIN 12 POUNDS

### WELL FED BETTER FIGHTERS

Millions of Pounds Consumed Each Day by "Our Boys" While Most of Them Used the "Weed"

Washington, May 16.—"Soldiers who fought against Spain in 1898 lost in weight on an average of 22 pounds each; the average American soldier at the end of the fighting in 1918 weighed 12 pounds more than he did when the selective service act or his own volition brought him into the army."

Thus the success won by the army's subsistence branch in the great war is epitomized in chapters of the official war "material" history made public today by the war department.

The food problem of an army of 3,700,000 Americans is visualized in the history by considering the force as a single man and the entire war period as one dinner hour. Articles comprised in the army ration assumed these tremendous totals:

Roast beef 800,000,000 pounds; bacon 150,000,000 pounds; flour (bread) 1,000,000,000 pounds; butter 17,500,000; oleomargarine 11,000,000; baked beans 150,000,000 pounds; potatoes 487,000,000 lbs.; onions 40,000,000 pounds; corn, beans and peas 150,000,000 cans; tomatoes 190,000,000 cans; prunes, peaches and apples (for desert) 107,000,000 cans; sugar 350,000,000 pounds; coffee 75,000,000 pounds; evaporated milk 200,000,000 cans.

The bill for this "meal" amounted to \$727,000,000 to December 1, 1918 the per capita cost having risen from 4 cents in 1897 to 48 in 1918.

At the time of the armistice, American soldiers in France were consuming 9,000,000 pounds of food daily. Moving this stupendous quantity over the 3,000-mile line of communication was the principal obstacle to be overcome. This and necessity of conserving cargo space led directly in the later months to the shipment of dehydrated vegetables to the American expeditionary force.

"The problems were solved only by the assistance of the American food industry," the report says, and while

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## CLARK LIKES SUNNY SOUTHERN OREGON

That mechanics who left the rural districts and upstate cities of Oregon attracted by shipbuilding and other war industry, are gradually filtering back to their homes and routine employment is the discovery made by Albert G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries of Oregon, after a tour of the southern part of the state, says a Portland newspaper.

"There is nothing the matter with Southern Oregon," said Mr. Clark. "The crop and fruit prospects were never better. People who had moved to shipbuilding centers are returning. Merchants are all cheerful and optimistic. The road building program is putting enthusiasm into everyone and with the country massed with blossoms of fruit and shrubbery the trip brought complete satisfaction."

"Every Southern Oregon city features a tourist auto camp ground. Some are excellent. The one at Ashland is especially well located and equipped in the famous Lithia park, convenient to a beautiful stream."

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## WILL IMPROVE ROAD TO CRESCENT CITY

Federal Government and State Highway Commission Appropriate \$52,500 for Hays Hill

A cooperative agreement has been made between the U. S. department of agriculture and the Oregon state highway commission to do some extensive work on Hays Hill, on the Grants Pass-Crescent City road in the near future.

This stretch of road, two and four-tenths miles in length, has been a great worry to motorists—it has been a hard piece of highway to navigate. The state highway commission has appropriated \$26,250 for this piece of work and the federal government has matched the amount dollar for dollar. This money should be enough to eliminate the steep grade and put the road in first class condition.

The agreement was approved and signed by the secretary of agriculture on May 5, 1919, and the location survey is to start within 60 days from that date.

In company with engineers from California the state highway commission will soon go over the Grants Pass-Crescent City road in an effort to establish a final route. As for Hays Hill, bids will be advertised for as soon as the survey is completed.

## BOMB SUSPECT SAID TO BE "BAD ACTOR"

The man recently arrested in this city by local officers, giving his name as J. C. Thompson, and charged with having dangerous explosives in his possession, has proven to be a "bad actor," according to word just received by Sheriff George Lewis from Portland. He is the man taken from a freight train here, accused of having nitroglycerine, dynamite caps, fuse and whiskey in his possession; he also carried a revolver.

Thompson, as he gave his name, has several aliases, having also been known as Jas. C. Wheeler and Geo. C. Moore, and has formerly been under arrest at Los Angeles, and Marysville, Cal., and Seattle, Wash., on the charge of vagrancy, but it seems hard to get direct evidence to convict him.

At Portland, Thompson was taken before James Hunter, criminal photographer and Bertillon expert. Hunter stated at once that he had photographed Thompson, along with other men suspected of crime, in 1916, and upon referring to the records it was found that Hunter was correct. Thompson was arrested in Los Angeles away back in 1913 and ever since has been trotting in bad company. His case is to be further investigated by the Portland police.

### SEATTLE MAYOR WILL SPEAK IN NEW YORK

New York, May 16.—Mayor Ole Hanson, of Seattle, will be the principal speaker at a banquet of the National Manufacturers' association here on May 21.

## SOME OF ENGLAND'S GREAT WAR EXPENSES

London, May 16.—War insurance, as carried on by the British government, dropped some \$85,000,000 net profit into the nation's coffers, according to a report just made public. The chief item of profit was \$80,000,000 on the hulls of British steamships which survived German submarine warfare. The greatest loss was \$55,000,000 on British cargoes which the U-boats sunk. The sum of \$7,500,000 was paid as insurance on the lives of officers and men in the merchant marine, and \$1,750,000 a year is being paid as pensions and allowances to dependents.

## JUGO-SLAVS AND ITALIANS WILL SETTLE

AMERICA WILL ACT AS MEDIATOR IN DETACHING DALMATIA COAST FROM AUSTRIA

### ALLIED NAVY GOES TO SMYRNA

Chinese President Rejects Cabinet's Resignation—Germans Spar for Alsace-Lorraine

Paris, May 16.—Negotiations pending for the adjustment of the Adriatic question contemplate the direct settlement between Italy and Jugo-Slavia, through American mediation. By this plan the Austrian treaty would not specify the disposition to be made of Dalmatia, Istria and Fiume, beyond detaching them from Austria.

Paris, May 16.—Extensive allied naval concentration has begun at Smyrna in connection with the mandate to Greece to administer that city.

Paris, May 16.—The Chinese cabinet has resigned but the president refused to accept their resignation, a Peking telegram to the peace conference says. The peace conference at Shanghai, between northern and southern China representatives, has broken up.

Paris, May 16.—(Havas)—It became known here today that the German peace delegation is preparing to send another note to the allied powers, concerning the peace treaty. The note is said to be in relation to Alsace-Lorraine.

## PLAN REPEAL OF TAX ON SEMI-LUXURIES

Washington, May 16.—The republican house steering committee decided today among legislation to be placed before the house after the appropriation bill will be the repeal of tax on semi-luxuries, return of the telegraph and telephone lines to their owners, and legislation for the benefit of the returning soldiers.

## DEMPSEY TO TRAIN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Toledo, Ohio, May 16.—Jack Dempsey, challenger for the world's heavyweight championship, inspected today several prospective training sites here. He will start work Monday preparing for his fight with Jess Willard, world's champion, on July Fourth.

### V. M. C. A. RAISES FUND FOR EXTENSION

Portland, Ore., May 16.—Plans for the extension of the Y. M. C. A. work to the remote districts of Oregon were completed here today. A fund of \$32,000 has been raised for the purpose.

## SERBS AND CROATIANS REPORTED FIGHTING

London, May 16.—There is fighting between the Serbians and Croats at Agram, the Croatian capital. It is reported in Vienna through a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

## DERIGIBLE C5 SWEEPED TO SEA IN STIFF GALE

REPORTED LOST AFTER 100 MEN HAD FOUGHT FOR ITS CONTROL OVER SIX HOURS

### LOSS OF BLIMP IS HARD BLOW

Weather Moderating and Seaplanes NC-1 and NC-3 Getting Ready for Jump Off This Evening

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Trepassey, May 16.—The NC-4 has flown to sea. This was one of the last seaplanes to arrive at Trepassey, having had engine trouble.  
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Trepassey, May 16.—The navy dirigible C-5, swept away to sea yesterday, is now believed to be lost. The Destroyer Edwards returned to port today with no sign of the dirigible on deck.

A landing crew of 100 men under the direction of Lieutenant Little had fought with the gale for control of the C-5 for six hours before it broke away.

Wholly unsheltered on the windswept field, the dirigible pitched and bucked, stripping her bottom of canvas and then tearing the bow planes away. Fenders were placed to blunt the shock and the men of the landing crew rode wildly as they clung to the car through its oscillations under succeeding gusts of wind, endeavoring to save it.

When the wind arose from 30 miles an hour to 40 the rigging on the nose of the naelle gave way and

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## LAST OF OLD THIRD OREGON OVERSEAS

Portland, Ore., May 16.—A reception and entertainment was tendered today to 135 men of Companies E, F and G, old Third Oregon, who stopped off here en route to Camp Lewis for muster out. Except for Company H, still overseas, today's contingent is the last home comers of the old Third Oregon.

## PHONE OPERATORS QUIT AT WINNEPEG

Winnipeg, Can., May 16.—Telephone operators in all the local exchanges joined in a general strike here today.

The labor forces and returning soldiers are in complete control of commercial and industrial Winnipeg. The stenographers and Webb pressmen have joined the strike and newspapers must suspend publication.

Portland, Ore., May 16.—Word was received here today from Washington that the naval squadron which will tour the Pacific coast ports soon, will be sent in part to Portland.

## PORTLAND BAKERS ASK WAGE INCREASE

Portland, Ore., May 16.—The union bakers and confectioners today notified their employers that they will strike next Wednesday unless their demands are granted for a minimum wage of \$24 per week, and other concessions.

## BUSHWACKING WITH BOLSHEVIKS

Little Band of Doughboys Near Archangel Have All the Thrills Experienced in Big War

Archangel, May 16.—The tabloid warfare that the American doughboys and a miscellaneous collection of allies have been waging against the bolsheviks up in aurora borealis land since the landing of an allied corporal's guard at Archangel, on August 3, has had most of the thrills of the big war in France, with a few pet perils all of its own.

In the summer, it was a game of bushwacking, boy scouting, hide and seek and Indian fighting in the swamps, with the added attraction of airplanes, shrapnel, high explosives, trench mortars, gunboats and armored trains. In winter when the thermometer registers around 30 degrees below zero, it is something like an Eskimo tribal feud, the Eskimos being equipped with all modern devices for putting their opponents out of the combat.

The allied North Russia expeditionary force whose backbone is the Yank doughboy, has been fighting during the winter against double, or triple or quadruple odds. These Yanks and Tommies and Poles and half a dozen varieties of Russians and Poles have been scattered out in thin columns operating over a territory about as large as Germany and colder than Medicine Hat or Moose Jaw. There were seven or eight of these columns and they branched out like a palm leaf fan from its handle, which is Archangel, stretching far and wide from the wastes of the Pechora river on the shores of the Arctic ocean not very far from the Siberian boundary, to the scarcely less frozen country of Omega bay, west of Archangel, where they connect with the Murmansk, or Kola force.

Each of these lines has penetrated inland, along railroad, highroad, river or forest trail, into the territory of the bolsheviks and, on most of them, Yanks have been at the forefront, where the trouble is thickest. And, as most of the Americans who have met John Bolsheviki face to face will tell you, as a troubiemaker, John is active especially when he has one outnumbered and outgunned.

Back in the early days of summer, before they really knew very much about it, the powers-that-were who planned this expedition had a very poor opinion of the bolsheviks' fighting qualities. When the original Archangel expeditionary force which set sail from Murmansk, on Kola Bay, this corporal's guard that was to successfully invade the largest country in the world consisted of 1,400 men. Fifty American blue-jackets from the U. S. S. Olympia who were among these Russian "Old Contemptibles" were the first to set their feet upon the docks at Archangel. When the allies landed the bolsheviks had gone.

### UNDER INDICTMENT, RESIGNS

Oakland, Cal., May 16.—Chief of Police J. H. Nedderman, under indictment on bribery charges here, resigned today.

## JUDGE FINDS HARRY LEWIS NOT GUILTY

Portland, Ore., May 15.—Mere claim that property is worth a stipulated sum and that its owner believes it a good investment is not fraud in the sale of property, Judge Bean set forth in a decision handed down in federal court in the case of V. P. S. Fischer and Alfred Eubanks against Harry L. Lewis, which had to do with a mine at Galice, Ore., by the plaintiffs from Lewis for \$9,000. It was charged in the complaint that claims were made by Lewis that were not substantiated in operation of the mine, and that the mine proved almost worthless. No proof of fraud was brought out, however, according to the decision.

## LANE PUSHING LEGISLATION FOR SOLDIERS

CALLS MEETING AT WASHINGTON TO CONSIDER SETTLERS' BILL—SINNOTT PRESENT

### SEC. INTERIOR GIVEN POWER

Discharged Soldiers to Be Used in Conversion of Lands Which Will Mean Much to ex-Doughboys

Washington, May 16.—Tentative approval of a soldier settlers' bill, appropriating money to reclaim lands for homes for returning soldiers was given at a conference called by Secretary Lane and attended by Representative Sinnot, chairman of the house public land committee, Mondell, house majority leader and Kincaid, chairman of the house irrigation committee, Senators Smoot and Myers and A. P. Davis, director of the reclamation service.

The bill, which was drafted by Representative Mondell, combines features of numerous bills for this purpose introduced in the last congress. Secretary Lane, by the terms of the bill, is authorized to use the public lands and to secure other lands by agreement. The price paid for private lands to be approved by the governor of the state where they are situated and by an appraiser for the farm loan board.

The reclamation of the lands and all preparation for cultivation is left to the secretary of the interior, discharged soldiers to be utilized as much as possible in the conversion of the land. Improvements not to exceed \$12,000 may be provided on each tract of land and a loan not to exceed \$500 is to be made available for each settler for the purchase of livestock, this amount to represent not more than 60 per cent of the value of livestock purchased.

The land is to be sold on a payment of 5 per cent cash and the balance amortized over a period not exceeding 40 years. On improvements a cash payment of 10 per cent is required, the balance in payments covering not more than 20 years. Another feature of the bill is a provision to match funds with the states on reclamation projects, which is of particular interest to Oregon because of the measure to be voted on in the state in June which will make \$2,000,000 available for joint projects. All deferred payments draw 4 per cent interest.

## M. E. CENTENARY DRIVE TO BEGIN ON MAY 18

The week of May 18-25 is set for the Methodist Centenary financial drive, but many churches will be able to make their canvass within two days, beginning Sunday afternoon, May 18. That is what the local committee of Newman M. E. church expects to do. J. G. Imel is chairman, S. H. Baker director. The following teams of solicitors have been appointed: E. L. Coburn and George Sabin, Jas. Martin and F. F. Childers, George Lundberg and Dr. C. E. Jackson, A. B. Cornell and A. G. Khapp, J. M. Isham and Stewart Disbrow, Eclis Pollock and J. Carl Williams, Arthur Wible and N. E. Townsend, J. E. Peterson and Harry Harper. These teams will begin work on Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening at the evening church service their reports will be received and announced. Probably part of the day of Monday will be required to entirely finish the work.

The teams will not be districted. Names will be listed on information cards and these will be divided among the teams. No general so-

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